

their pockets at that season, in the belief that the money will grow with the growth of the planet; sometimes, by way of additional precaution, they spit on the coin at the same time.¹ " Both Christians and Moslems in Syria turn their silver money in their pockets at the new moon for luck ; and two persons meeting under the new moon will each take out a silver coin and embrace, saying, ^f May you begin and end ; and may it be a good month to us.^{1)3>}
² Conversely the waning of the moon is the most natural time to get rid of bodily ailments. In Brittany they think that warts vary with the phases of the moon, growing as it waxes and vanishing away as it wanes.³ Accordingly, they say in Germany that if you would rid yourself of warts you should treat them when the moon is on the decrease.⁴ And a German cure for toothache, earache, headache, and so forth, is to look towards the waning moon and say, "As the moon decreases, so may my pains decrease also."⁵ However, some Germans reverse the rule. They say, for example, that if you are afflicted with a wen, you should face the waxing moon, lay your finger on the wen, and say thrice, " What I sec waxes ; what I touch, let it vanish away." After each of these two sentences you should cross yourself thrice. Then go home without speaking to any one, and repeat three paternosters behind the kitchen door.⁰ The Himils of the Carpathians recommend a somewhat similar, and no doubt equally efficacious, cure for waterbrash. They

say that at new moon the patient should run
 thrice round
 the house and then say to the moon, ^{cc} Moon,
 moon, where
 wastthou?" "Behind the mountain/" "What
 hast thou
 eaten there ? " " Horse flesh." " Why hast
 thou brought
 me nothing ? ^{n il} Because I forgot." " May the
 waterbrash

¹ F. Panzer, *Beitrag st/r deittschen* (London, 1883), p. 286.
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Folksglaube in Schhsien, ii. (JLeipsic, 1882), ii. 355.
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larh"sche Sagen mid
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 Gregor, *Folk-lore of the North-East of Mytkohgie*, ii. 302.
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Scotland (London, 1881), p. 151. Grimm, *Deutsche*
Mythologie [^] ii.
² C. R. Concler, *Ilcth and Aloah* 596.